Sales and Use Tax - Home Rule Cities

What taxes are collected by home-rule cities?

A home-rule city administers and collects its own local sales and use taxes. The Colorado Department of Revenue has no jurisdiction over sales and use taxes imposed by home-rule cities when the state does not administer its local taxes. Taxes collected for such areas must be remitted directly to the home-rule jurisdiction. Therefore, for any local sales and use taxes administered by a home-rule city a retailer or vendor within that jurisdiction must file a return with that city.

Colorado state sales tax is collected and remitted to the state by the retailers or vendors on a Colorado state retail sales tax return (Form DR 0100) for their businesses; it is not collected and remitted to the home-rule city. This also applies to any special district taxes if the home rule city is located within a state administered special district area.

Example: Lakewood is a home-rule city in Jefferson County. Lakewood's city sales tax is collected by Lakewood from retailers as would be any other local tax imposed exclusively by Lakewood. However, the state, special district and county sales tax would be remitted on a separate state return (DR 0100) by the retailer. Lakewood would not collect the Colorado state sales tax, county sales tax and any applicable special district taxes and then remit it to the state. The retailer receives a return from the state that will indicate the sales, county and special district taxes due within specific columns on the state return.

See publication <u>DR 1002 Colorado Sales/Use Tax Rates</u> for local city, county, special district sales and use tax rates, as well as contact information for Colorado home rule cities.